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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned respectfully submits that the Chang et al. patents, US 6,736,857 and 6,802,870 are not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) because the present application and the above-mentioned patents were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by 3M Innovative Properties Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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